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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE

APPLICATION OF: Mohamed Arafa et al.

ART UNIT: 2814

APPLICATION NO.: 09/752,798

EXAMINER: Anh D. Mai

FILED: December 28, 2000

TITLE: SIDEWALL SPACERS AND
METHODS OF MAKING SAME

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Box RCE
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before consideration of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following preliminary amendment, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections to the disclosure.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 6 and amend the claims in the manner indicated. A clean version of all pending claims after the amendment is shown on the following pages. A marked-up version of the amended claims is shown in Appendix A at the end of this response.

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